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TAGS: PORG, MARR, UNSC, LE, IS
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS
ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT, MAY 2

1. SUMMARY: SECURITY COUNCIL MET IN INFORMAL CONSULTA-
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TIONS AT 4:00 PM ON MAY 2. AT REQUEST OF SOVIET DELEGA-
RION COUNCIL AGREED TO HOLD FORMAL MEETING ON MAY 3 TO
ADOPT PROCEDURAL-TYPE RESOLUTION ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT.
CONSULTATIONS OF THE COUNCIL ARE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 3
AT 10:00 AM TO SEEK ADVANCE AGREEMENT ON THE DRAFT RESO-
LUTION AND A PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH ONLY SC MEMBERS
WOULD SPEAK AT THE FORMAL MEETING. AT THE MAY 2 CONSUL-

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TATIONS KUWAIT SERVED NOTICE THAT, AFTER THE ADDITIONAL 2,000 UNIFIL TROOPS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED, IT WOULD ASK FOR AN SC MEETING TO FIX DATE FOR FINAL IDF WITHDRAWAL IF ISRAELIS BY THEN ARE STILL OCCUPYING SEGMENTS OF SOUTH LEBANON. WALDHEIM NOTED THAT US INFORMED HIM THAT PM BEGIN ASSURED US THAT IDF INTENDED TO WITHDRAW AND BEGIN WOULD CLARIFY THE MATTER IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO ISRAEL. END SUMMARY.

2. SECURITY COUNCIL AT ITS CONSULTATIONS ON MAY 2 DECIDED TO MEET FORMALLY ON MAY 3 AT 3:00 PM TO AGREE TO SYG'S REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE OF 2,000 TROOPS FOR UNIFIL. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM WHEN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED AND HOPEFULLY A PROCEDURE AGREED TO UNDER WHICH ONLY SC MEMBERS WOULD BE GIVEN THE FL00R AT THE FORMAL MEETING. AN EFFORT WILL ALSO BE MADE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT TO VOTE FIRST ON THE RESOLUTION, WITH STATEMENTS TO FOLLOW THE VOTE.

3. DURING THE MAY 2 CONSULTATIONS ALL SC MEMBERS EXCEPT CHINA, WHICH STATED ITS TRADITIONAL NON-PARTICIPATION POSITION, AND THE USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA INDICATED AGREEMENT TO UNIFIL'S INCREASE. THE USSR (TROYANOVSKY) INSISTED ON A FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING DESPITE EFFORTS BY UK, FRANCE, AND US TO HAVE AGREEMENT TO SYG'S PROPOSAL CONFIDENTIAL

APPROVED DURING THE CONSULTATIONS. (THE SOVIETS WISH TO BE ABLE TO STATE THEIR POSITION PUBLICLY AND TO ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION.) UK REFERRED TO PRECEDENTS FOR AGREEMENT TO CHANGES IN SIZE OF UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WITHOUT SC MEETING, AND FRANCE SUGGESTED THAT A FORMAL MEETING COULD BE HELD IMMEDIATELY, AS REQUESTED BY THE USSR, AND THE MATTER DISPOSED OF AT ONCE. THE USSR DEMURRED AND THE SC PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT A FORMAL MEETING OF THE SC WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON AND GAVELLED THE SESSION CLOSED.

4. ACCORDING TO UN SECRETARIAT (GLEISSNER), RESOLUTION WOULD SIMPLY REFER TO THE LETTER OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, RECALL SC RESOLUTIONS 425 AND 426, AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED INCREASE. NO ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS WOULD BE INCLUDED.

5. DURING MAY 2 CONSULTATIONS QUESTION OF ISRAELI WITH-DRAWAL WAS DISCUSSED AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH. KUWAIT (BISHARA) ANNOUNCED THAT AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE DEPOLYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL 2,000 UNIFIL TROOPS, HE WOULD WANT THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET "TO SET A

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FIXED DATE" FOR THE FINAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE IDF. HE ADDED THAT IN CASE OF FAILURE OF ISRAEL TO COMPLY THEN THE COUNCIL SHOULD LOOK TO OTHER MEASURES AND COURSES OF ACTION. DISTINCTION WAS DRAWN BY SEVERAL SPEAKERS BETWEEN SC MEETING TO AGREE TO UNIFIL INCREASE AND SEPARATE MEETING TO TAKE UP IDF WITHDRAWAL. INDIA SPECIFICALLY SUPPORTED CALL FOR THE SC TO SET DATE FOR FINAL WITHDRAWAL, WHILE MOST OTHER SPEAKERS REFERRED GENERALLY TO NEED FOR WITHDRAWAL.

6. US (YOUNG) AGREED THAT THE TWO ISSUES (UNIFIL INCREASE AND IDF WITHDRAWAL) SHOULD BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY. YOUNG EXPRESSED US SUPPORT FOR PROVIDING SYG WITH TROOPS NECESSARY TO FULFILL UNIFIL'S MANDATE AND SUGGESTED SYG
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COULD PROVIDE PROGRESS REPORT AT LATER DATE ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. HE AGREED WITH EARLIER SPEAKERS WHO SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON SHOULD BE CONSULTED AS TO USEFULNESS OF SC MEETING ON IDF WITHDRAWAL.

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7. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WERE POSED TO SYG BY KUWAIT ON UNIFIL OPERATIONS.
(1) DOES SC HAVE GUARANTEE THAT 6,000 TROOPS IS CEILING FOR UNIFIL?
REPLY: I HOPE THAT IT IS THE CEILING, ALTHOUGH THIS REPRESENTS A MINIMUM FIGURE TO IMPLEMENT RESES 425 AND 426.
(2) WHERE WILL ADDITIONAL TROOPS BE STATIONED?
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REPLY: NEW TROOPS WILL BE POSITIONED IN SOUTHERN BELT NOW STILL OCCUPIED BY IDF AND IN CENTRAL PORTION JUST VACATED IN LATEST IDF PULLBACK.
(3) WHAT IS THE UN DOING TO "TAME" THE MILITANT CHRISTIAN FORCES?
430)6: CHRISTIAN FORCES ARE IN THE SO-CALLED BELT ALONG THE ISRAELI BORDER. THEY REPRESENT A STILL-UNRESOLVED PROBLEM AND UNIFIL IS TRYING TO HANDLE THIS IN BEST POSSIBLE WAY.
(4) ARE THERE ARMED ELEMENTS IN THE AREAS UNDER UN CONTROL?
REPLY: YES. THERE ARE MANY ARMED ELEMENTS IN SOUTH LEBANON, MANY OF WHOM CANNOT ALWAYS BE IDENTIFIED. ARAFAT IS BEING VERY COOPERATIVE AND HAS INSTRUCTED HIS FORCES TO FACILITATE UNIFIL'S WORK; HOWEVER, THERE ARE VARIOUS ELEMENTS NOT RESPONSIVE TO ARAFAT'S INSTRUCTIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION THE GOL AT THE UN'S REQUEST HAS PROVIDED 30 POLICEMEN TO WORK WITH UNIFIL AND IS ABOUT TO SEND AN ADDITIONAL 30 TO THE SOUTH.
(5) WHAT IS THE UN TROOP ROLE - TO IDENTIFY UNDERSIRABLE ARMED ELEMENTS AND TO SEND THEM BACK?
REPLY: YES, WHEN ARMED ELEMENTS ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE UN AREA OF OPERATIONS THE DUTY OF THE FORCE IS TO DISARM THEM AND TO SEND THEM BACK.
8. WALDHEIM CONCLUDED HIS ANSWERS BY NOTING THAT GENERAL SIILASVUO HAD MET MAY 1 WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE WEIZMAN. SIILASVUO INSISTED ON A "QUICK WITHDRAWAL", ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM. WEIZMAN AGREED BUT SAID THAT FURTHER TALKS WOULD BE NECESSARY. WALDHEIM

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ADDED HE LEARNED THAT US RAISED WITHDRAWAL WITH PM
BEGIN DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. BEGIN ASSURED THE
US THAT ISRAEL INTENTED TO WITHDRAW AND THAT IMMEDIATELY
UPON HIS RETURN TO ISRAEL "THE MATTER WOULD BE CLARIFIED
AND A POSITIVE DECISION TAKEN."

9. INDIA (JAIPAL) QUERIED WALDHEIM ON THE STRENGTH OF
THE IDF AT THE TIME OF THE INVASION OF SOUTH LEBANON
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AND NOW. WALDHEIM AND GEN. ERSKINE (WHO WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE CONSULTATIONS) RESPONDED THAT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 15,000 ISRAELI SOLDIERS INVOLVED IN THE INVASTION AND NOW THERE WERE "MUCH, MUCH LESS" ALTHOUGH THE UN DID NOT HAVE AN EXACT ESTIMATE. YOUNG

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